



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Intent

Web Posting Date: 10/10/06

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a major modification to the Reclamation Permit for a mining operation named North Area Leach (NAL) has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City.

The applicant for Permit # 0176 is:

Newmont USA Limited
dba Newmont Mining Corporation
427 Ridge Street, Suite C
Reno, Nevada 89501

This amendment to the mining operation, is located within Eureka County, and is located in Section 32 of Township 36 North, Range 50 East, and Section 3 of Township 35 North, Range 50 East, M.D.B. & M, approximately 20 miles Northwest from the community of Carlin, Nevada. This modification to the North Area Leach operation involves a boundary change and transfer of permitted disturbance in the Bluestar/Genesis private land permit by increasing the private land disturbance within the current North Area Leach permit acre total.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on November 12th, 2006. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on November 12th, 2006.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC

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519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information, contact Todd Process at (775) 687-9408, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9402 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

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